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Picture Writing

Picture writing expresses thoughts and events through drawings or pictures.

American Indians used pictures for writing their legends, dreams, and family and tribal history.

Some of the drawings are very old, and others are more modern.

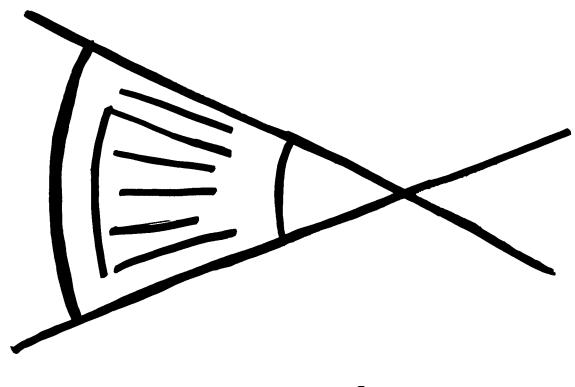
Some of the drawings stand for more than one word.

Our people made colors from earth, grass, plants, flowers and herbs.

They dried most of the plants.

When they were ready to use them, the plants were crushed and mixed with water.

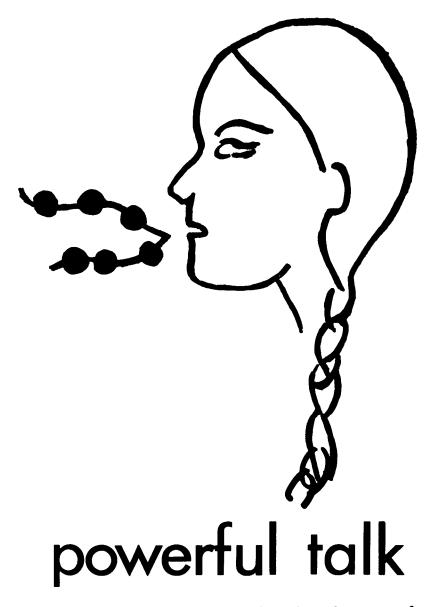
The Indians drew on used hides, tree bark and the ground.



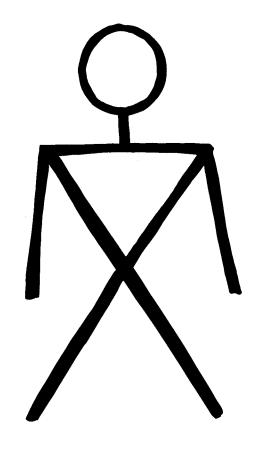
travel

Many Indian people used a travois when they traveled.

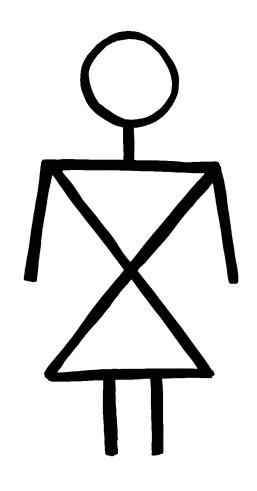
Dogs and horses pulled the travois which was made
out of hides tied to two poles.



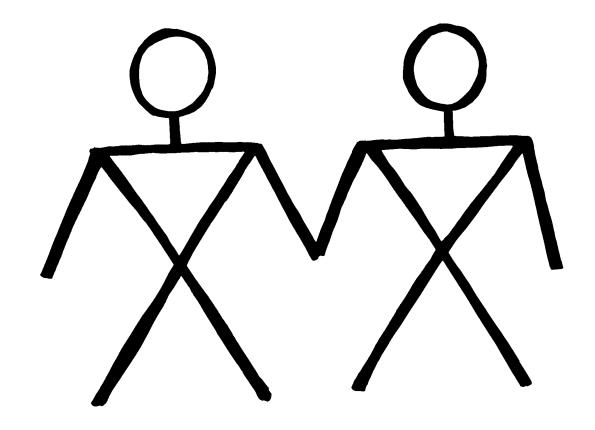
The dots along the lines emphasized powerful words.



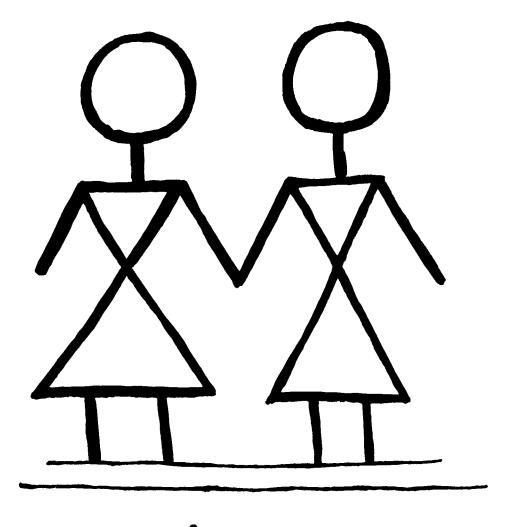
man



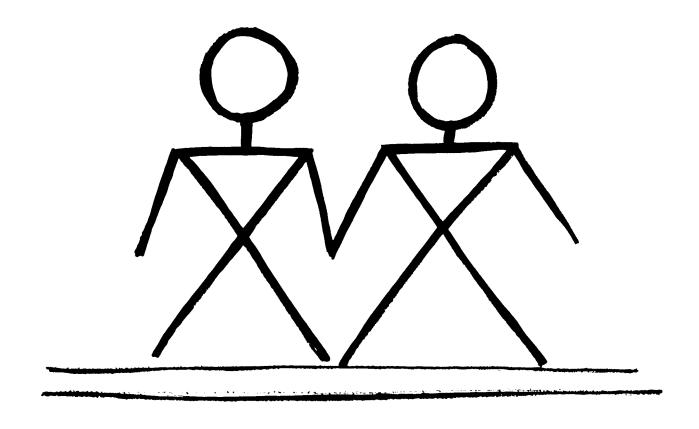
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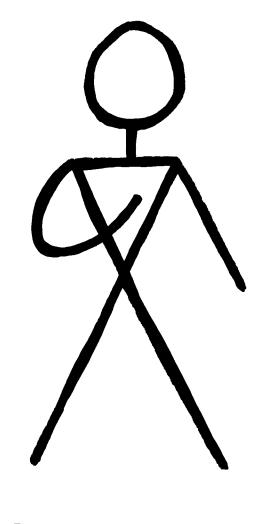
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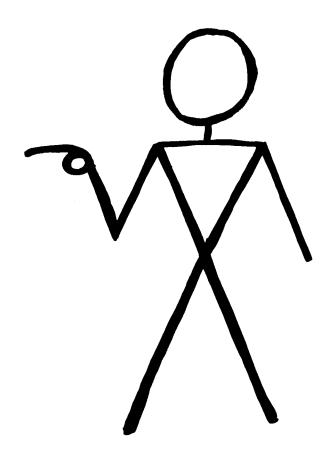
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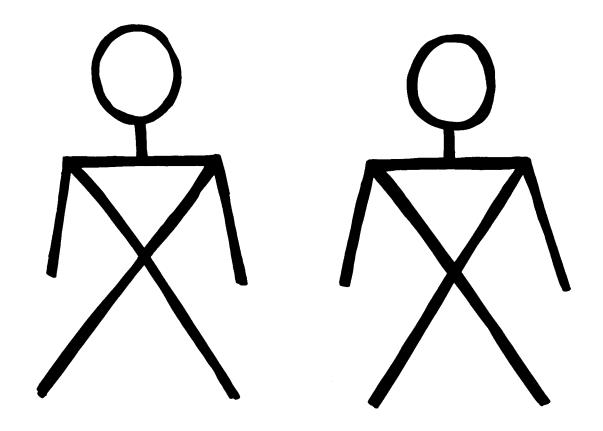
friends



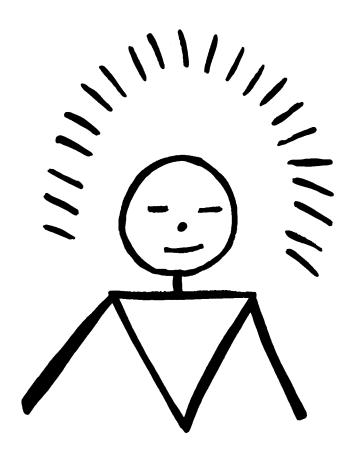
I, me, my



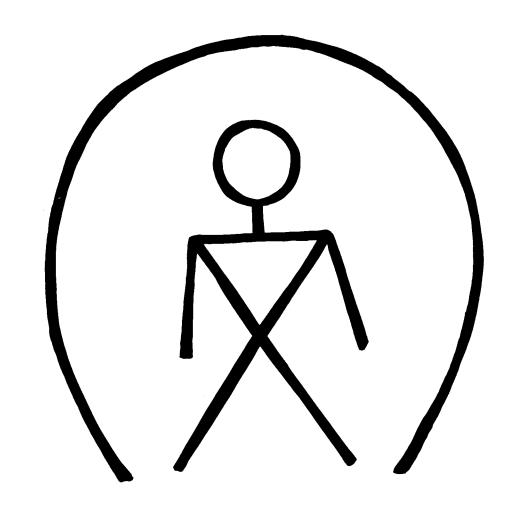
you, him, her



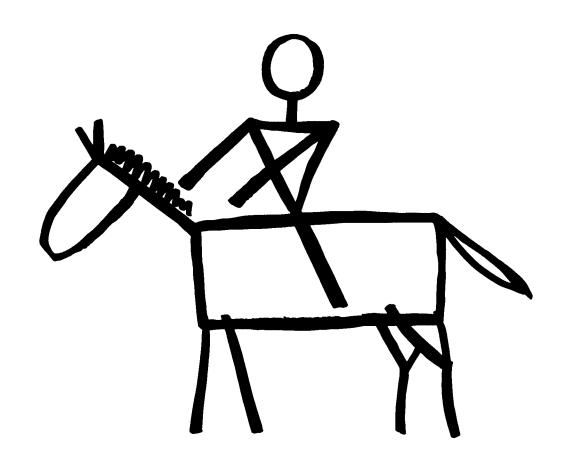
we, us, they



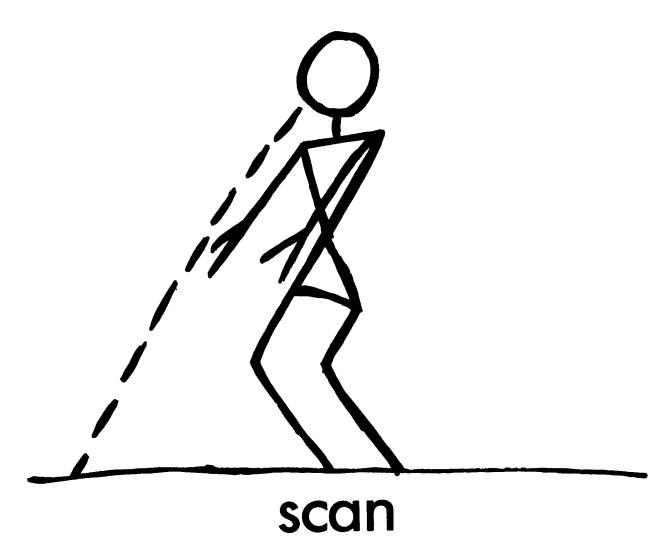
wise, bright



man alone

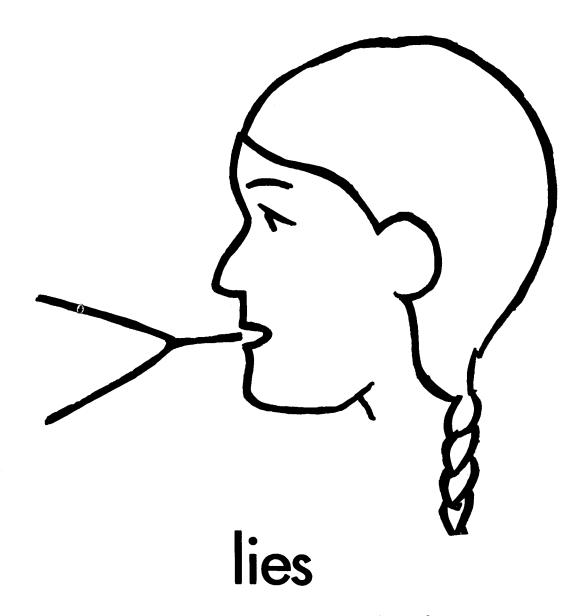


man on horse

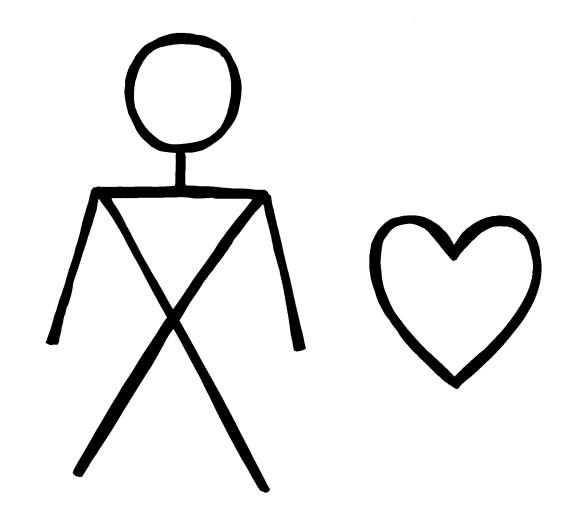


The line below the man represents the trail.

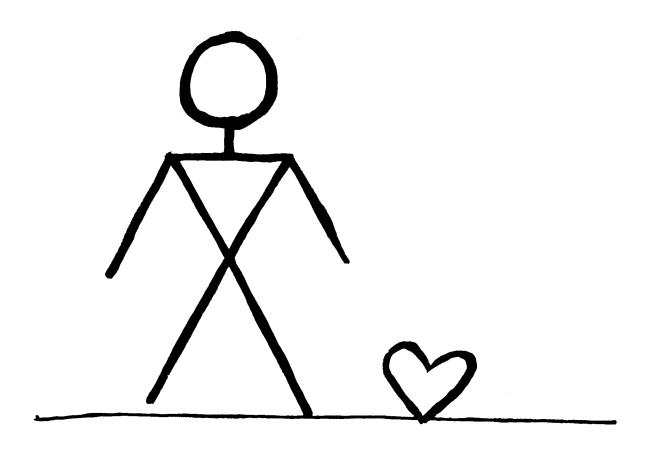
The broken line indicates that he is keeping his eye on the trail.



A forked tongue indicates talking two directions at once.

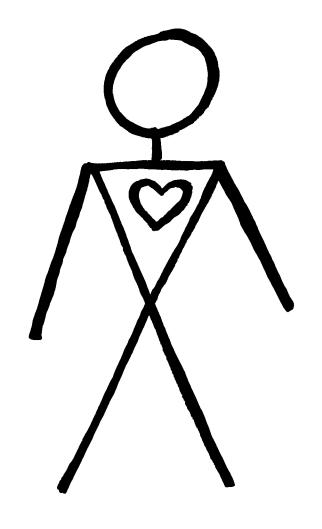


generous, big-hearted



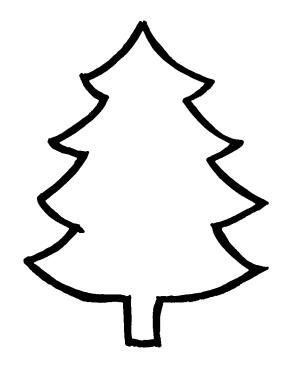
sadness, sorrow

A sad person's heart is on the ground.

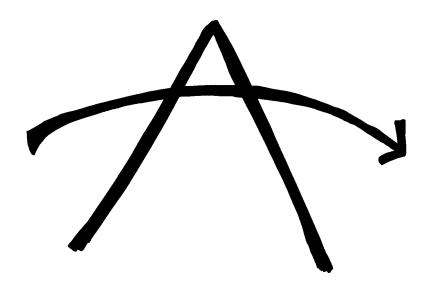


happiness

A happy person's heart is where it belongs.

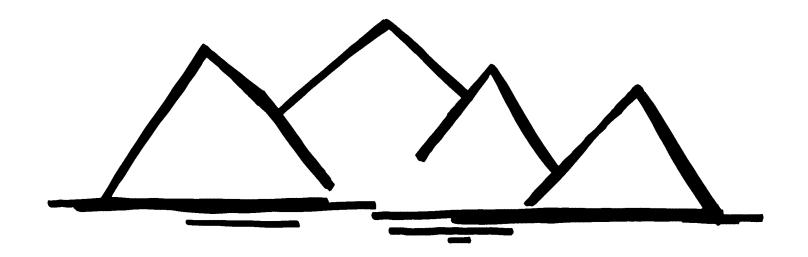


tree, forest

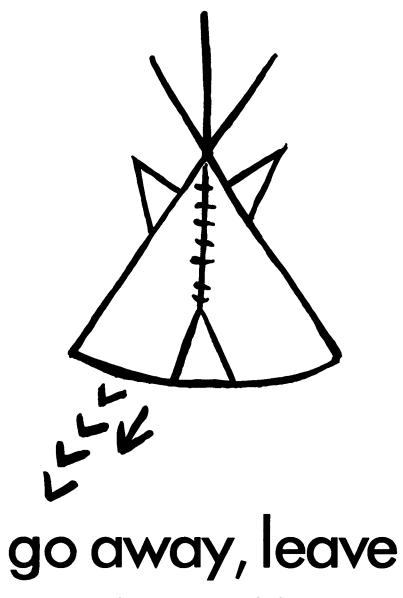


across the mountain

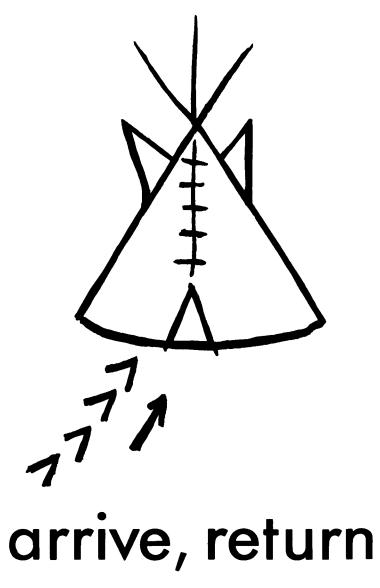
The arrow indicates crossing over the mountain.



mountains



Footprints show that someone is leaving the tepee.

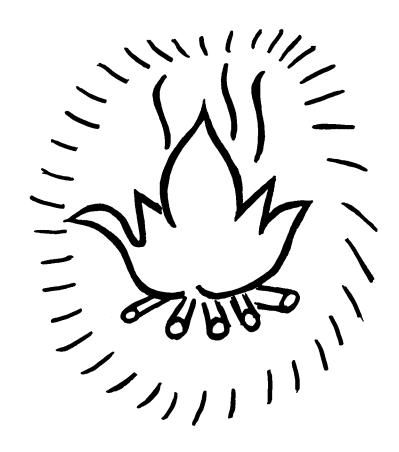


Footprints show that someone is going toward the tepee.





campfire

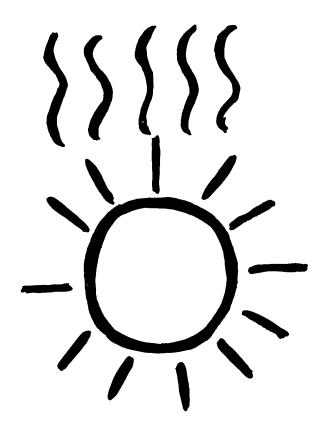


council fire

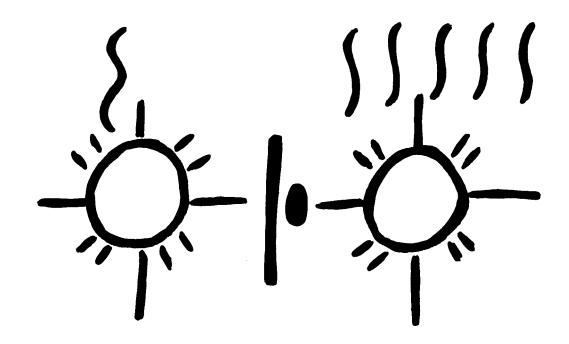
The circle and lines represent the people seated around the fire.



before after

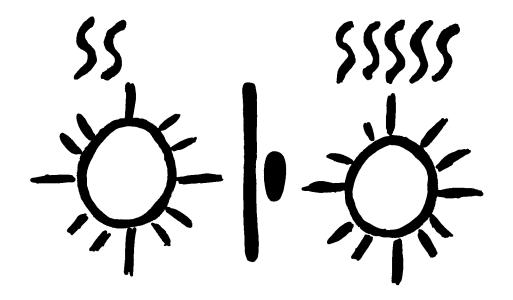


Sunday



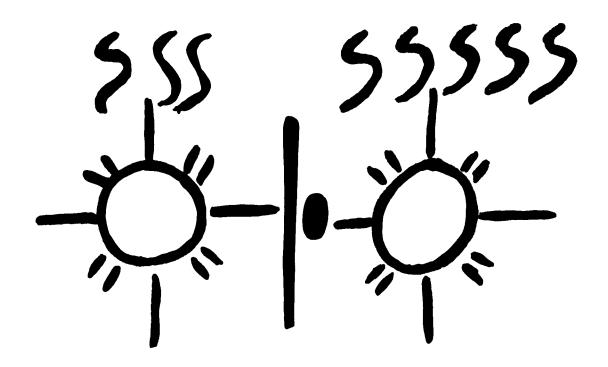
Monday

One day after Sunday.



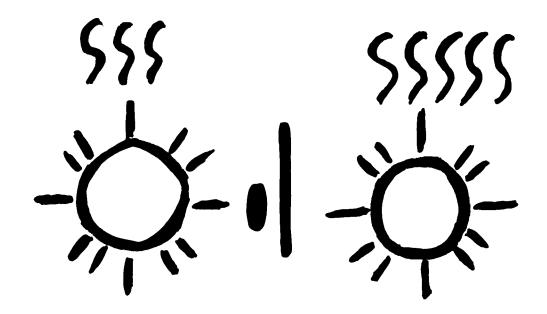
Tuesday

Two days after Sunday.



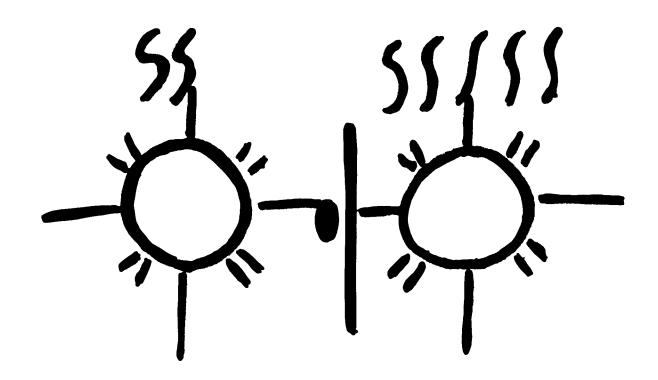
Wednesday

Three days after Sunday.



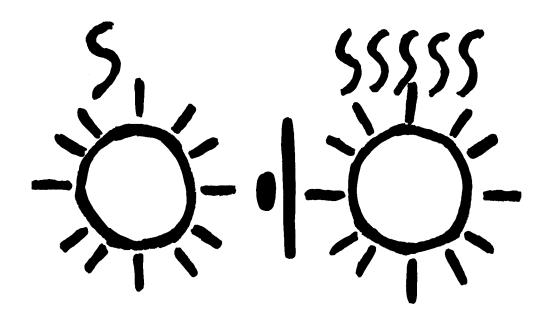
Thursday

Three days before Sunday.



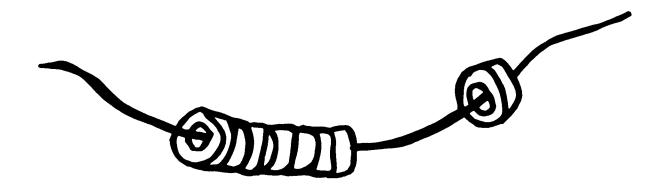
Friday

Two days before Sunday.



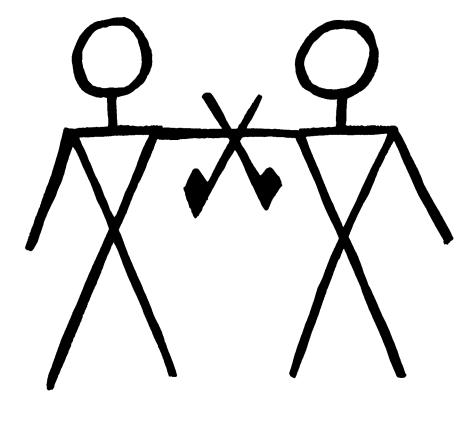
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One day before Sunday.



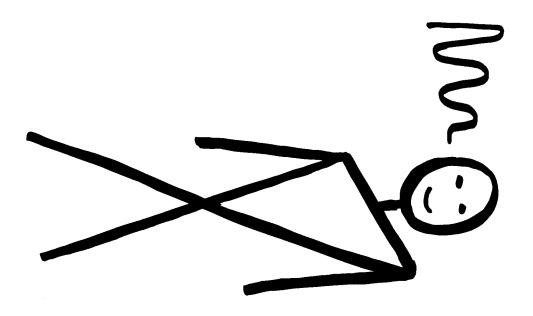
wampum

Wampum beads were made from shell and bone.
Wampum was used as money and for trading by some Indians.



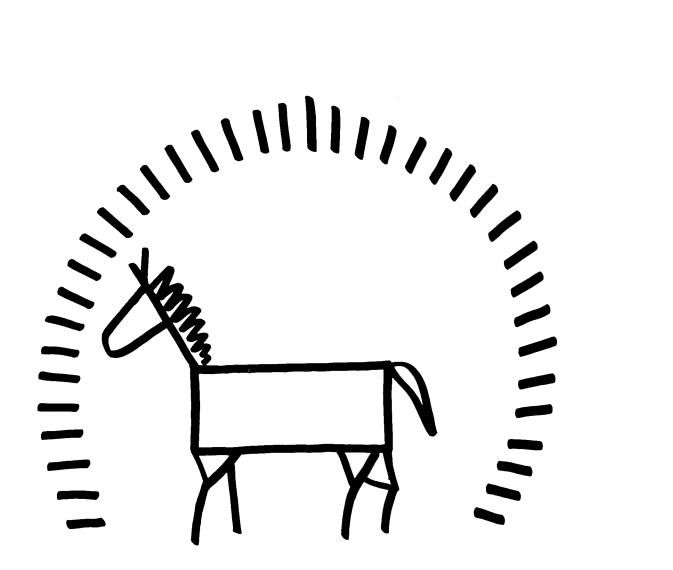
treaty

A treaty among the Indian people was a very sacred agreement.



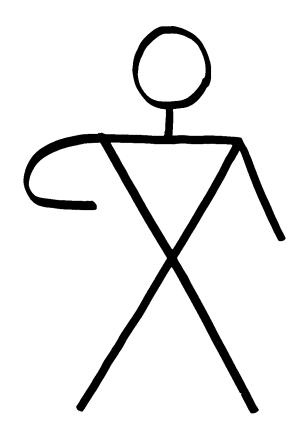
dream

Dream lines are rising from the head of the sleeping person.

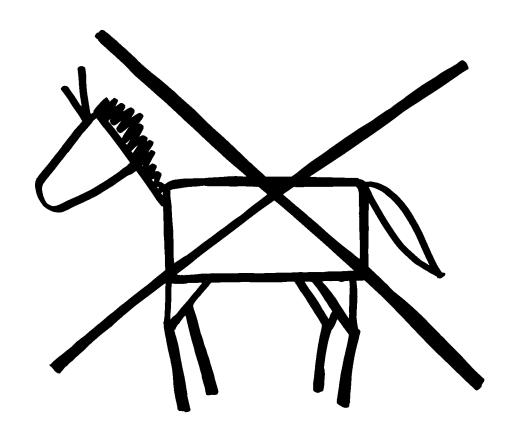


rich, many horses

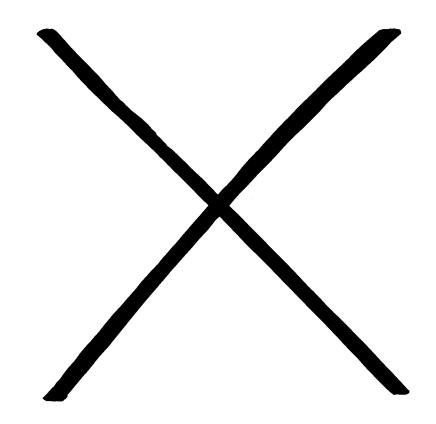
An Indian who owned many horses was rich.



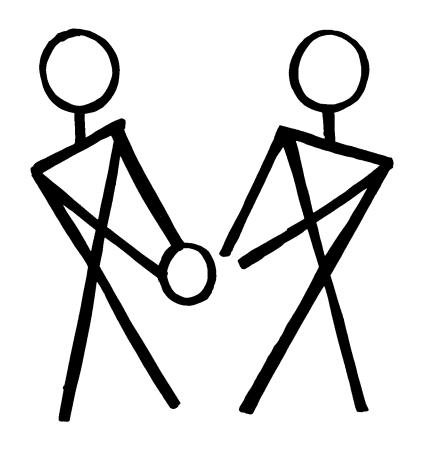
catch, take



poor



exchange, sell, trade



offer, give



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- 19 Being Indian Is
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